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In re Application of:	Tsuyoshi MATSUDA; Tatsuhiko HIRANO; Junhui OH; Atsunori KAWAMURA; Kenji SAKAI
Application No.:	10/574115
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For:	POLISHING COMPOSITION AND POLISHING METHOD
Group Art Unit:	Not Assigned

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Docket No.: O11.2I-13210-US01

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Listed below or on an attached form listing the cited references and/or a copy of a PTO-892 form is information known to applicant(s). A copy of each listed foreign patent and each listed publication other than U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications is being submitted herewith, along with a concise explanation of information in a foreign language, if any, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98, *except that* U.S. patents and U.S. published applications from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120, and documents cited in such priority applications, may be omitted from the enclosures pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d). Applicant's submission of copies of unpublished U.S. applications does not constitute a waiver of the confidentiality of such applications. As such, **Applicant requests that any copies of unpublished US applications submitted herewith be excluded from the file wrapper pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.14.**

Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. If the form listing the cited references or PTO-892 from a prior application is enclosed, the Examiner is requested to initial and return it in accordance with MPEP §609.

This statement is not intended to represent that a search has been made or that the information cited in the statement is prior art, or is or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56.

Applications that are listed on the accompanying form listing the cited references as related by priority are related by priority claim under 35 USC §120. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d), no copies of cited art in a previous application(s) to which priority was claimed need be submitted. Applicant is providing copies of the form listing the cited references and/or 892 forms from these cases.

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- ☐ (2) within 3 months of entry of the national stage; or
- X** (3) before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits;
- ☐ (4) before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114;
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- ☐ (1) a certification as specified in §1.97(e) is provided below; or

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____ **III. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d).** If this statement is being filed after the mailing date of the earlier of a final office action under §1.113, a notice of allowance under §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, but before payment of the issue fee, then:

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X **IV. Fee Authorization.** If any fee is due for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and full payment has not been submitted herewith, regardless of which boxes have been checked above, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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____ I hereby certify, under 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the date of the filing of this information disclosure statement.

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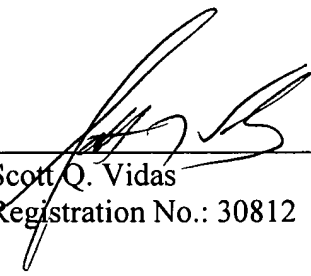
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Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. In regard to the above-identified application, in addition to this **2 page** transmittal letter, we are submitting the attached:
4 pages Information Disclosure Statement; 1 page listing of US references; 1 page listing of Foreign references; 16 references; 5 pages English translation of the PCT International Preliminary Report; and Return Postcard.
2. With respect to fees:
☒ **No additional fee is believed to be required.**
☐ Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$
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This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.
4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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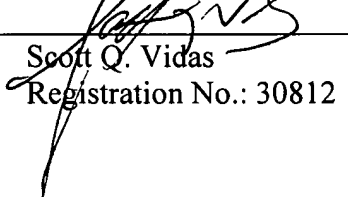
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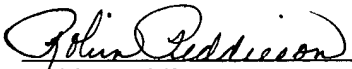
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